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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-90. (Canceled)

91.     (Currently Amended) A method performed ~~for performing the following steps within a virtual distribution environment located~~ at a first site, comprising one or more electronic appliances and a first secure container, the first secure container containing first protected information and having associated a first control set, the method comprising:

using a control from the first control set to govern an aspect of use of the first protected information ~~while the first protected information is contained within the first secure container~~;

creating a second secure container having associated a second control set for governing an aspect of use of protected information contained within the second secure container;

incorporating a first portion of the first protected information [[in]] into the second secure container, the first portion made up of some or all of the first protected information;

~~storing identification information at least in part identifying the first portion, the storing being governed at least in part by a control from the first control set; and~~

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transmitting ~~the~~ identification information to a second site, <u>the identification</u>

<u>information at least in part identifying the first portion,</u> the transmission being

governed at least in part by a control from the first control set<u>;</u>

<u>transmitting the second secure container to a third site; and</u>

<u>separately transmitting the second control set to the third site.</u>

92. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 91, in which the first secure container

further contains a third secure container having associated a third control set, the third

secure container containing the first protected information and

the step of incorporating the first portion in the second secure container includes

copying or removing the first portion from the third secure container.

93.    (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 91, in which the step of creating a

second secure container includes:

    creating the second control set by incorporating at least one control from the first

    control set.

94.    (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 93, in which the step of

incorporating at least one control from the first control set is accomplished in a secure

manner.

95.    (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 92, in which the step of creating a

second secure container includes:

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creating the second control set by incorporating at least one control from the third

control set.


96.     (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 95, in which the step of

incorporating at least one control from the third control set is accomplished in a secure

manner.


97.     (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 92, in which the step of creating a

second secure container includes:

    creating the second control set by incorporating at least one control not found in

the first control set or the third control set.


98.     (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 97, in which the step of

incorporating at least one control not found in the first control set or the third control set

is accomplished in a secure manner.


99.     (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 91, in which the step of creating a

second secure container is governed at least in part by at least one control contained

within the first control set.


100.    (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 92, in which the step of creating a

second secure container is governed at least in part by at least one control contained

within the third control set.

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101.    (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 92 in which the step of creating a

second secure container is governed at least in part by at least one control not

contained within the first control set or the third control set.


102.    (Canceled)


103.    (Currently Amended)  The method of Claim [[102]] 91, in which the first site is

associated with a content distributor.


104.    (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 103, in which the third site is

associated with a user of content.


105.    (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 104 further comprising the

following step:

        the user directly or indirectly initiating communication with the first site.


106.    (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 104, in which the second control

set includes one or more controls at least in part governing the use by the user of at

least a portion of the first portion of the first protected information.

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107.   (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 104, in which the second control set includes one or more controls at least in part governing the price to be paid by the user for use of at least a portion of the first portion of the first protected information.

108.   (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 104, in which the second control set includes one or more controls at least in part governing or specifying an auditing method to be used in connection with use by the user of at least a portion of the first portion of the first protected information.

109.   (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 108, wherein at least some auditing performed in accordance with the auditing method is performed at the third site.

110.   (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 108, in which the second control set includes one or more controls at least in part specifying one or more allowed clearinghouses to receive payment information from the user for use of at least a portion of the first portion of the first protected information.

111.   (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 108, in which the second control set includes one or more controls at least in part specifying information to be provided by the user in return for use of at least a portion of the first portion of the first protected information.

112.   (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 111, further comprising the step of:

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encrypting at least a portion of the information to be provided by the user.

113. (Currently Amended)  The method of Claim [[102]] 91, further comprising:

establishing a level of compensation required for at least one of (a) the step of

transmitting the second secure container; (b) the step of transmitting the second

control set; or (c) ~~copying or transferring step, or (b)~~ at least one aspect of use at

the third site of at least a portion of the first portion of the first protected

information~~, and~~

~~calling a budget method to establish whether one or more budgets associated~~

~~with the user are sufficient to satisfy the required compensation.~~

114. (Currently Amended)  The method of Claim 113, further comprising:

calling a budget method to establish whether one or more budgets associated

with the user are sufficient to satisfy the required compensation; and

blocking the step of transmitting the second secure container, the step of

transmitting the second control set, ~~the copying or transferring step~~ and/or the at

least one aspect of use if the budget method establishes that the one or more

budgets associated with the user are not sufficient to satisfy the required

compensation.

115. (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 113, in which the budget method is

governed at least in part by one or more controls contained in the first control set.

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116.   (Canceled)

117.   (Canceled)

118.   (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 92, in which the creation of the second secure container further comprises using a template which specifies one or more of the controls contained in the second control set.

119.   (Currently Amended)  The method of Claim [[92]] 91, in which the creation of the second secure container further comprises using a template which specifies one or more attributes of the second secure container.

120.   (Currently Amended)  The method of Claim [[102]] 91, in which the creation of the second secure container further comprises using a template which specifies one or more of the controls contained in the second control set.

121.   (Currently Amended)  An electronic appliance located at a first site comprising:

a memory storing a first secure container having associated a first rule set and containing first protected information; and

a secure processing unit comprising

means for creating a second secure container having associated a second rule set, the means further comprising

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means for copying or removing a first rule from the first rule set,

and means for incorporating the first rule in the second rule set;

means by which a rule from the first rule set governs, at least in part, the

means for creating a second secure container;

means for copying or removing at least a first portion of the first protected

information from the first secure container;

means for copying or transferring the first portion of the first protected

information from the first secure container to the second secure container,

the means for copying or transferring operating at least in part

under the control of the first rule set;

memory means for storing identification information at least in part

identifying the first portion of the first protected information, the memory

means operating at least in part under the control of the first rule set; and

telecommunications means for (a) communicating the identification information to

a second site located remotely from the first site; (b) communicating the second

secure container to a third site located remotely from the first and second sites;

and (c) separately communicating the second rule set to the third site, ~~the~~

~~telecommunications means operating at least in part under the control of the first~~

~~rule set~~.

122.    (Currently Amended)  [[An]] The electronic appliance of Claim 121, further

comprising means by which a rule from one or both of the first and second rule ~~set~~ sets

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at least in part governs use of the telecommunications means communicating

identification information to the second site.


123.    (Canceled)


124.    (Canceled)


125.    (Canceled)


126.    (Canceled)


127.    (Currently Amended)  A method comprising the steps of

creating a first secure container having associated a first rule set and containing

first protected information;

storing the first secure container in a first memory;

creating a second secure container ~~comprising~~ having an associated [[a]] second

rule set;

storing the second secure container in a second memory;

copying or transferring at least a first portion of the first protected information to

the second secure container, the copying or transferring step being at least in

part governed by a first rule from the first rule set;

in compliance with the first rule, storing information at least in part identifying the

first portion; ~~and~~

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in compliance with the first rule, communicating at least a portion of the

identification information to a remote site;

copying or transferring the second secure container to a second remote site; and

separately copying or transferring the second control set to the second remote

site.

128. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 127, wherein the steps of creating

the second secure container, and copying the first portion of the first protected

information, are securely performed by one or more protected processing environments.

129. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 127, in which the first portion of the

first protected information consists of the entirety of the first protected information.

130. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 127, in which the first portion of the

first protected information consists of less than the entirety of the first protected

information.

131. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 127, in which

the first memory is located at a first site,

the second memory is located at a third second site remote from the first site,

and

the step of copying or transferring the first portion of the first protected

information to the second secure container further comprises copying or

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transferring the first protected information from the first site to the <u>third</u> ~~second~~

site.

132. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 127, in which the first memory and the second memory are located at the same site.

133. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 132, in which the first memory comprises first addressable memory locations, and the second memory comprises second addressable memory locations in the same address space as the first addressable memory locations.

134. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 133, in which the first addressable memory locations and the second addressable memory locations are located within the same physical memory device.

135. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 127, in which the step of copying or transferring the first portion of the first protected information from the first secure container to the second secure container further comprises storing a third secure container in the second secure container.

136. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 127, further comprising:

creating a third rule set.

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137.   (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 136, further comprising:

using the third rule set to govern at least one aspect of use of the copied first

portion of the first protected information.


138-139.      (Canceled).